

Traverse Bay Summer Cruises

Opportunity #1 (beginners)

July 26, - August 3, 2007

Opportunity #2 (Advance)

August 4, - August 10, 2007

The Catalina 25/250 & Capri 25, National Association is announcing two wonderful Great Lakes Cruising opportunities to all our members. Bill Meinert, our Chief Measurer will be organizing and leading two separate Traverse Bay Michigan cruises. All members may participate in one or both based on *your* time schedule.

Opportunity One:

Departs from Duncan L. Clinch Yatch Harbor, South Traverse Bay, Traverse City Michigan, Saturday July 28th. There is ample parking for trucks and trailers for those who launch from this facility with a minimum overnight rate. Boats will be launched and recovered here for the first & second cruise. Boats arriving Saturday and launching will be directed to sail to Marion Island 5 miles away for the first nights rendezvous. All boats will raft up "Stern Too" overnight, get acquainted, and discuss plans and options for the rest of the week. All boats will remain at anchor until all known boats arrive from out of town. We will depart no later than 1300 Sunday for the next harbor. We will visit Sutton Bay, North Point, Charlevoix, Sail Lake Charlevoix, then go to Elk Rapids, and back to Traverse City for pull out. This cruise is a good time for the beginner as all harbors are easily reached in half a days sail from each other. At the end of the cruise the distance to Elk Rapids will require 0500 departure from Charlevoix to make it in 14 hrs. By then you should have you confidence and stamina.

Opportunity Two:

Departs from Duncan L. Clinch Yatch Harbor, South Traverse Bay, Traverse City Michigan, Saturday August 4th. There is ample parking for trucks and trailers for those who launch from this facility with a minimum overnight rate. Boats arriving Saturday and launching will be directed to sail to Marion Island 5 miles away for the first nights rendezvous. All boats will raft up "Stern Too" overnight, get acquainted, and discuss plans and options for the rest of the week. All boats will remain at anchor until all known boats arrive from out of town. We will depart no later than 1300 Sunday for the next harbor. All boats can anticipate sailing overnight the second day to reach Charlevoix City Marina. Here you will have one day of exploration and rest. On Tuesday, August 2nd, boats depart for Beaver Island, a 8-10 hour sail, all boats will Enter Saint James Harbor and Anchor. Spend one full day exploring the Island and then return back to Traverse City via Charlevoix, North Point, and Sutton's Bay depending on weather. This cruise is not for the true beginner, as it will require overnight sailing and some serious navigation. Don't be afraid, but come well prepared with charts, GPS and radios.

As with all sailing, the best laid plans will and do change. Please understand the weather is the primary factor in these cruises. It is not necessarily the extreme winds, but the lack of wind that will hinder us. So please prepare accordingly.

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Please contact to received information on checklist, registration and all other information I can help you with.